

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 308

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Hammonds upon being named 2017 Biologist of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John Hammonds, who was recently named 2017 Biologist of the Year by the Fisheries Division of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA); and

WHEREAS, throughout his twelve-year tenure with the TWRA, Mr. Hammonds has evinced the greatest probity and integrity in all of his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, as the reservoir operations coordinator in TWRA Region IV, John Hammonds is responsible for fisheries programs focusing on data collection and habitat improvement, including working on habitat management projects and assisting with issues involving aquatic nuisance species; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammonds has also helped with securing and administering funding opportunities for TWRA; his efforts have assisted projects involving reservoir habitat enhancement and shoreline vegetation management as well as helping develop a new level of cooperation in managing East Tennessee reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, widely respected as a leader in his field, John Hammonds is the chair for the Outreach Committee of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. He frequently assists other work units and regularly offers his expertise with harvesting hatchery ponds, stream surveys, public programs, and administrative support; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammonds has been involved with a trout-in-the-classroom project in his hometown of Newport, and he conducts a stream-side ecology program for a local school every year; and

WHEREAS, a true leader and consummate professional, Mr. Hammonds constantly strives to achieve a new level of performance in his profession, and his stalwart career with the TWRA and his endeavors throughout this great State are a testament to that dedication; and

WHEREAS, John Hammonds epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Hammonds for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John Hammonds upon being named 2017 Biologist of the Year and for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.